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MANSFIELD ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION
AMBASSADOR BRIEFING WITH EDWARD P. MORGAN 10/13/81
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SIDE A

- 000-049 Morgan is discussing a Japanese person's response to MJM as Ambassador. He mentions that he is headed to PRC for a conference on population.
- 050-099 Continues talking about his plans to go to PRC. Questioner asks what the big problems are in the relationship between Japan and the U.S. MJM says trade will show a large surplus. Defense is going along steadily. Japan is doing what it can.
- 100-149 The trade figure will cause problems in the U.S. But MJM wishes U.S. would see the whole picture in the trade area. Questioner asks if Japanese trade restrictions are lifting some. MJM says they are but a long way to go, especially on agricultural products. Japan is largest agricultural consumer of U.S. products. Questioner asks MJM for his thoughts on how to deal with the defense issue.
- 150-199 MJM says there should be no public pressures, threats, or demands placed on the Japanese. In private, the Japanese should be told what the U.S. thinks they need to do in terms of their own defense. Shifting of Seventh Fleet because of Iran and Afghanistan. Article Nine of the Constitution. Japanese government has to develop a consensus before taking action. Anti-military feelings of the Japanese. Japanese government has been running a deficit budget the past years and is not in good shape financially.
- 200-249 Although Japan may not be doing as much as the U.S. thinks they should be doing, they are doing more than what it appears they are doing. Increases in military spending in the past several years. Defense budget has exceeded the social welfare budget.
- 250-299 Explanation of what percentage of GNP military spending accounts for. Questioner asks MJM for his understanding of the anti-military feeling in Japan. And in Western Europe.
- 300-349 The sort of reaction in Europe hasn't spread to Japan because there are no nuclear missiles being placed in the Japanese area. Japan doesn't look upon the Soviet Union as a threat the way the U.S. does. Relationship between the U.S. and Japanese military is superb, the best in the world.
- 350-399 Japan's contribution to the upkeep of the U.S. military

forces and facilities in Japan. He details some of these. Questioner asks if Japan has been getting anywhere with the Soviet Union in regard to the Northern Territories. MJM says nowhere.

- 400-449 Continues talking about the Northern Territories issue. Fishing problems in the waters of the Northern Territories.
- 450-499 MJM calls it a delicate situation. Questioner asks about the current situation between Japan and China regarding trade and contracts. MJM says the PRC was thinking it could accomplish too much too soon. Reduction in the plans for the Four Modernizations.
- 500-549 MJM talks about the cutbacks on some contracts and the cancellation of others. This has hurt the Japanese to a certain extent. But now the plans are on a more pragmatic footing. Questioner asks if both China and Japan weren't too optimistic about China's ability to produce coal and oil in the amounts planned on.
- 550-599 MJM agrees they were. He details some of the earlier plans. Talks about Chinese oil developments.
- 600-649 Continues talking about oil developments by China. Competing claims for certain off-shore oil deposits by China, Vietnam, Philippines.
- 650-699 Competing claims between Taiwan and China, between Japan and China. Before off-shore development occurs, the issues of sovereignty will have to be resolved. MJM thinks this will be the next big oil area in the world to be developed.
- 700-749 Continues talking about oil development. Questioner asks if the weak financial position of the Japanese government reflects any instability of that government. MJM says the government is in a very stable position. He talks about the LDP.
- 750-799 Plans for reducing the deficit of the Japanese budget. Questioner asks what influence Japan can have in terms of the Middle East issue. MJM doesn't think it can have much influence since it relies so heavily on oil imports. Mention of Arrafat's visit to PRC.
- 800-849 Continues talking about Arrafat's visit to Japan. Was invited, not on an official basis, but by a group from the Diet.
- 850-899 Continues talking about Arrafat. MJM says the Japanese are embarrassed by Arrafat and can't wait until he leaves. He mentions briefly the group from the Diet which invited Arrafat.

900-946 MJM mentions the separation of powers between the government and the members of the Diet.

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SIDE B

000-049 Questioner mentions his experiences off a traffic jam in Tokyo and wonders if people are living it up more, more private cars, or what. MJM says there are more private cars, but the savings rate is still being kept high at the same time. MJM says there are too many cars for too many people. Cars and gasoline are heavily taxed. Mentions again the debt of the Japanese government.

050-099 Continues talking about the debt. Comparable to the size of U.S. deficit. MJM says the one bright spot in the democratic industrial world is Japan. Inflation rate is low. Steady employment and low unemployment rate.

100-107 MJM thinks one of the answers is productivity and pride. Quality goods at competitive prices.

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